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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Liao *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/273,445

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For: **UPREGULATION OF TYPE III ENDOTHELIAL
CELL NITRIC OXIDE SYNTHASE BY HMG-CoA
REDUCTASE INHIBITORS**

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Examiner: E.J. Webman

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as requested below. Enclosed herewith is a copy of a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449 that is being filed today by Express Mail with copies of the cited references and associate paperwork.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.